

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Citizens for the Republic and
Carolyn Robertson, as Treasurer

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CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. The Commission found reason to believe that Citizens for the Republic and Carolyn Robertson, as treasurer (collectively, "the Respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and the Respondents, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondents and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i).

II. The Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. The Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

1. The Citizens for the Republic is a political committee within the meaning of 2 U.S.C. § 431(4) and is not a authorized committee of any candidate.
2. Carolyn Robertson is the treasurer of the Citizens for the Republic Committee.

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3. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that all political committees other than authorized committees of a candidate shall file quarterly reports in a calendar year in which a regularly scheduled general election is held, which shall be filed no later than the 15th day after the last of each calendar quarter, except that the report for the quarter ending in December 31 of such calendar year shall be filed no later than January 31 of the following calendar year. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i).

4. The Respondents failed to timely file the 2000 April Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements covering the period from January 1, 2000 to March 31, 2000. The Respondents were required to file the 2000 April Quarterly Report no later than April 15, 2000.

5. The 2000 April Quarterly Report, which disclosed \$2,477.14 in receipts and \$62,416.36 in disbursements, was not filed until July 5, 2000, 81 days late.

V. The Respondents failed to timely file their 2000 April Quarterly Report in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i).

VI. The Respondents will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of Two Thousand Seven Hundred dollars (\$2,700.00) pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A).

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

IX. The Respondents shall have no more than 30 days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

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Date

FOR THE RESPONDENT(S):

Angela M. Buchanan
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Treasurer

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